

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2642, Agricultural Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S707–S774

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1987–1996, and S. Res. 343–344. **Page S763**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 270, supporting the goals and ideals of World Polio Day and commending the international community and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio.

S. Res. 333, strongly recommending that the United States renegotiate the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq. **Page S761**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the Penn State University Women's Volleyball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 344, congratulating the Penn State University women's volleyball team for winning the 2013 National Collegiate Athletic Association Women's Volleyball Championship. **Pages S773–74**

Measures Considered:

Veterans Medical Services and Benefits: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1950, to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans. **Pages S707–10**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill was withdrawn. **Page S736**

Unemployment Benefits Extension—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1845, to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S736–38**

Rejected:

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2631, relating to extension and modification of emergency unemployment compensation program. (By a unanimous

vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 22), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S737**

Withdrawn:

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2633, to change the enactment date. **Page S737**

Pending:

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2714, of a perfecting nature. **Page S737**

Reid Amendment No. 2715 (to Amendment No. 2714), to change the enactment date. **Page S737**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2714 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, February 4, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur at 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 6, 2014. **Page S737**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2716, to change the enactment date. **Pages S737–38**

Reid Amendment No. 2717 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2716), of a perfecting nature. **Page S738**

Reid Amendment No. 2718 (to Amendment No. 2717), of a perfecting nature. **Page S738**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2714 (listed above). **Page S737**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Reid Amendment No. 2634 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2633), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2633 was withdrawn. **Page S737**

Reid Amendment No. 2635 (to Amendment No. 2634), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 2634 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2633) fell. **Page S737**

Reid Amendment No. 2632 (to Amendment No. 2631), to change the enactment date, fell when Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2631 was tabled. **Page S737**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Wednesday, February 5, 2014 count as the intervening day. **Page S738**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 6, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the bill, with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill be 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, February 6, 2014, and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2714 (listed above) and the bill be 10:45 a.m., on Thursday, February 6, 2014; and that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2714, be at 11 a.m., on Thursday, February 6, 2014. **Page S774**

Bipartisan Budget Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1963, to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013. **Pages S738–55**

Conference Reports:

Agricultural Act: By 68 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 21), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2642, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018. **Pages S710–36**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13396 on February 7, 2006, with respect to the situation in or in relation to Cote d'Ivoire; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–29) **Page S759**

Baucus Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader with the concurrence of the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Max Sieben Baucus, of Montana, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China; that there be 60 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that

upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; that no further motions be in order. **Page S773**

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Michael G. Carroll, of New York, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 2014, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S774**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—22) **Pages S736, S737**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S774.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on the situation in Afghanistan from Jennifer C. Walsh, Principal Director, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Central Asia, Office of the Secretary, Brigadier General Robert P. White, USA, Director, Pakistan/Afghanistan Coordination Cell, J–5, Joint Staff, and Kent A. Breedlove, Senior Defense Intelligence Analyst for Afghanistan, Defense Intelligence Agency, all of the Department of Defense; and

Jarrett Blanc, Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State.

MOVING FROM CONSTANT CRISES TO BROAD-BASED GROWTH

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine moving from constant crises to broad-based growth, focusing on the 2014 outlook, after receiving testimony from Mark Zandi, Moody's Analytics, West Chester, Pennsylvania; Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, D.C.; and David A. Rosenberg, Gluskin Sheff and Associates Inc., Ontario, Canada.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, and Janice Marion Schneider, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Land and Mineral Management, both of the Department of the Interior, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA DRINKING WATER CRISIS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine the safety and security of drinking water supplies following the Central West Virginia drinking water crisis, including S. 1961, to protect surface water from contamination by chemical storage facilities, and S. 1009, to reauthorize and modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, after receiving testimony from Natalie E. Tennant, West Virginia Secretary of State, Randy C. Huffman, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Cabinet Secretary, and Michael W. McNulty, Putnam Public Service District, all of Charleston, West Virginia; Erik D. Olson, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Richard O. Faulk, Hollingsworth LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; Brent Fewell, Troutman Sanders, Potomac, Maryland, on behalf of United Water; and R. Peter Weaver, International Liquid Terminals Association, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of R. Gil Kerlikowske, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security, Richard G. Frank, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Paige Marvel, of Maryland, and Tamara Wenda Ashford, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

IRAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine negotiations on Iran's nuclear program, after receiving testimony from Wendy Sherman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; David S. Cohen, Under Secretary of the Treasury; David Albright, Institute for Science and International Security, and Mark Dubowitz, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 333, strongly recommending that the United States renegotiate the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq;

S. Res. 270, supporting the goals and ideals of World Polio Day and commending the international community and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio; and

The nominations of Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be a Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, Puneet Talwar, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, Robert C. Barber, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, George James Tsunis, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, Colleen Bradley Bell, of California, to be Ambassador to Hungary, Keith M. Harper, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the UN Human Rights Council, Max Sieben Baucus, of Montana, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, and Arnold A. Chacon, of Virginia, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Bathsheba Nell Crocker, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs, Michael Anderson Lawson, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, and Robert A. Wood, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SECURITY IN SOCHI

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on security in Sochi from Fred Glazier, Deputy Director for Intelligence Directorate, National Counterterrorism Center; Gregory Starr, Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security; John Cohen, Deputy Counterterrorism Coordinator and Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Homeland Security; John S. Adams, Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Garry Reid, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, and Major General Darryl Roberson, Vice Director, Operations, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

ARMY RECRUITING CONTRACTS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine fraud and abuse in army recruiting contracts, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General William T. Grisoli, Director of the Army Staff, Major General David E. Quantock, Provost Marshal General of the Army, Commanding General, Army Criminal Investigation Command and Army Corrections Command, Joseph P. Bentz, Principal Deputy Auditor General, Army Audit Agency, and Lieutenant General Clyde A. Vaughn, USA (Ret.), former Director, and Colonel Mike Jones, USA (Ret.), former Division Chief, Strength Maintenance Division, both of the Army National Guard, all of the Department of Defense;

and Philip Crane, and Kay Hensen, both of Docupak, Pelham, Alabama.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Massachusetts, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warren, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

PRIVACY IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine privacy in the digital age, focusing on preventing data breaches and combating cybercrime, after receiving testimony from Edith Ramirez, Chairwoman, Federal Trade Commission; William Noonan, Deputy Special Agent in Charge, Secret Service, Criminal Investigative Division, Cyber Operations Branch; Mythili Raman, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Delara Derakhshani, Consumers Union, Washington, D.C.; Michael R. Kingston, Neiman Marcus Group, Dallas, Texas; John Mulligan, Target, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Fran Rosch, Symantec Corporation, Mountain View, California.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 3986–3991; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 108; and H. Res. 473 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 472, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2954) to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3964) to address cer-

tain water-related concerns in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–340).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Sportsmen's Heritage And Recreational Enhancement Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 3590, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting. Consideration of the measure is expected to resume tomorrow, February 5th.

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Agreed to:

Hastings (WA) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 113–339) that makes technical, clarifying and conforming changes to the Committee Print;

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Hanna amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–339) that requires a report on economic impacts of the Act. The report would include any expected increases in recreational hunting, fishing, shooting, and conservation activities; an estimate of jobs created to support such activities; an estimate of wages related to these jobs; and estimate of anticipated new local, State, and Federal revenue;

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Castro (TX) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 113–339) that ensures that women and minority groups, as appropriate, are included for membership on the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council Advisory Committee;

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Gallego amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 113–339) that adds veterans service organizations to the list of discretionary members of the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council Advisory Committee. Many organizations, including the VA, include outdoor activities to help wounded veterans in their rehabilitation efforts;

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Smith (MO) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 113–339) that preserves current motorized vessel management in the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, a National Park in Southeast Missouri;

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Crawford amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 113–339) that allows the State office of the Cooperative Extension System of the Department of Agriculture and State department of fish and wildlife to determine regular agricultural practices for purposes of federal hunting guidelines;

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Fleming amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 113–339) that restores hunting access to the Kisatchie National Forest for deer hunting with dogs. Includes private property protections; and

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Polis amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 113–339) that maintains access to National Forest System lands for snowmobilers while a winter Travel Management Rule for National Forests is finalized.

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Proceedings Postponed:

DeFazio amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 113–339) that seeks to strike the National Environmental Policy Act waivers in the bill and

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Holt amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 113–339) that seeks to promote the Secretary of the Interior's authority to consider climate change when making decisions related to recreation and conservation on public lands.

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H. Res. 470, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 35, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 34.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13396 of February 7, 2006 with respect to the situation in or in relation to Côte d'Ivoire is to continue in effect beyond February 7, 2014—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–90).

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Discharge Petition: Representative Honda presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 459, providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3372) to provide a process for ensuring the United States does not default on its obligations (Discharge Petition No. 6).

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1581.

Senate Referral: S. 376 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1563 and H1563–64. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AL QAEDA, ITS AFFILIATES, AND ASSOCIATED GROUPS: VIEW FROM OUTSIDE EXPERTS

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on State of Al Qaeda, its Affiliates, and Associated Groups: View From Outside Experts. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OSHA'S REGULATORY AGENDA: CHANGING LONG-STANDING POLICIES OUTSIDE THE PUBLIC RULEMAKING PROCESS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled "OSHA's Regulatory Agenda: Changing Long-Standing Policies Outside the Public Rulemaking Process". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TESTING OF CHEMICALS AND REPORTING AND RETENTION OF INFORMATION UNDER TSCA SECTIONS 4 AND 8

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “Testing of Chemicals and Reporting and Retention of Information under TSCA Sections 4 and 8”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL INSURANCE OFFICE’S REPORT ON MODERNIZING INSURANCE REGULATION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “The Federal Insurance Office’s Report on Modernizing Insurance Regulation”. Testimony was heard from Michael McRaith, Director, Federal Insurance Office; Thomas Leonardi, Commissioner, Connecticut Insurance Department; and public witnesses.

TERRORIST GROUPS IN LATIN AMERICA: THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Terrorist Groups in Latin America: The Changing Landscape”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FUTURE OF THE HOMELAND SECURITY MISSIONS OF THE COAST GUARD

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Future of the Homeland Security Missions of the Coast Guard”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

EXAMINING RECOMMENDATIONS TO REFORM FISA AUTHORITIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Recommendations to Reform FISA Authorities”. Testimony was heard from James M. Cole, Department of Justice; Peter P. Swire, Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technology; and public witnesses.

INCREASING FLEXIBILITY IN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing on legislation regarding Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act. Testimony was heard from Samuel D. Rauch III, Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and public witnesses.

MIXED SIGNALS: THE ADMINISTRATION’S POLICY ON MARIJUANA

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Mixed Signals: The Administration’s Policy on Marijuana”. Testimony was heard from Michael Botticelli, Deputy Director, Office of the National Drug Control Policy.

TO AUTHORIZE ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO CONVEY CERTAIN PROPERTY THAT WAS FORMERLY PART OF SANTA ROSA ISLAND NATIONAL MONUMENT AND THAT WAS CONVEYED TO ESCAMBIA COUNTY SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS ON USE AND RECONVEYANCE; AND SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY EMERGENCY WATER DELIVERY ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2954, to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance; and H.R. 3964, the “Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act.” The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–2, a structured rule for H.R. 2954. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–35 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in a nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments to H.R. 2954 printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also granted a structured rule for H.R. 3964. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all

points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–34 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments to H.R. 3964 printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hastings (WA); and Representatives Stewart; Napolitano; Costa; Huffman; Garamendi; Nunes; Peters (CA); McClintock; and Valadao.

NECESSARY UPDATES TO THE COMMERCIAL SPACE LAUNCH ACT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “Necessary Updates to the Commercial Space Launch Act”. Testimony was heard from George Nield, Associate Administrator, Commercial Space Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration; Alicia Cackley, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment Team, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

FUTURE OF FEDERAL AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Finding Your Way: The Future of Federal Aids to Navigation”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Joseph Servidio, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, United States Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Gerd F. Glang, Director, Office of Coast Survey, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Jim Hannon, Chief, Operations and Regulatory Division, United States Army Corps of Engineers; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2575, the “Save American Workers Act of 2013”; and H.R. 3979, the “Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders

Act”. The bills H.R. 2575 and H.R. 3979 were ordered reported, as amended.

WORLD WIDE THREATS

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “World Wide Threats”. Testimony was heard from James R. Clapper, Director, National Intelligence; John O. Brennan, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Michael T. Flynn, Lieutenant General, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; James B. Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Matthew G. Olsen, Director, National Counterterrorism Center.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Congressional Budget Office’s Budget and Economic Outlook”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Foundation for Success: Discussing Early Childhood Education and Care in America”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Protecting Consumer Information: Can Data Breaches Be Prevented?”, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining the Implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Impact of the Volcker Rule on Job Creators, Part II”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “The Annual Report of the Office of Financial Research”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Al-Qaeda’s Resurgence in Iraq: A Threat to U.S. Interests”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “U.S. Counternarcotics Operations in Afghanistan”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “America’s Future in Asia: From Rebalancing to Managing Sovereignty Disputes”, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3696, the “National Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2013”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2919, the “Open Book on Equal Access to Justice Act”; resolution on reauthorization of the Over-Criminalization Task Force; and ratification of subcommittee memberships, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 3981, the “Accelerated Revenue, Repayment, and Surface Water Storage Enhancement Act; H.R. 3980, the “Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act”; and draft discussion to amend the Secure Water Act of 2009 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement a surface water storage enhancement program, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on the following measures: H.R. 3110, the “Huna Tlingit Traditional Gull Egg Use Act”, and H.R. 3605, the “Sandia Pueblo Settlement Technical Amendment Act”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Energy in America: BLM’s Red-Tape Run Around and its Impact on American Energy Production”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “ObamaCare: Why the Need for an Insurance Company Bailout?”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs; and Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlement hearing entitled “Health Insurance Co-ops: Examining ObamaCare’s Billion Loan Gamble”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Science of EPA Overreach: A Case Study in Texas”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The FAA’s Impact on Small Businesses in the General Aviation Industry”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “The FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012: Two Years Later”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Beyond Transformation: Reviewing Current Status and Secondary Effects of VBA Technology”, 3:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on issues before the IRS that affect American taxpayers, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 1845, Unemployment Benefits Extension, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2714 at 11 a.m. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill will be at 9:45 a.m., and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2714 and to the bill will be at 10:45 a.m.

Also, Senate expects to consider the nomination of Senator Max Sieben Baucus, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 5

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Complete consideration of H.R. 3590—Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act. Consideration of H.R. 3964—Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act (Subject to a Rule).

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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